

Short Stories OF THE TOWN

Masonic Lodge to Move.

Beginning tomorrow the effects of the Masonic lodge of Chickasha will be moved from the McFarland building to the third floor of the Schluter building at the corner of Third street and Chickasha avenue. The next convocation of the order will be held in the new home.

Masonic Lodge Installs.

Chickasha Lodge No. 54, Master Masons, held the annual installation of officers last evening in the Masonic hall in the McFarland building. The following officers were installed: Jesse Lillard, W. M.; A. C. Crose, S. W.; S. C. Durbin, S. W.; A. R. Hawn, treasurer; W. N. Elliott, secretary. The ceremonial of installation was conducted by Past Master A. R. Hawn.

Attends Association.

Rev. H. P. Halley of the Second Baptist church, will leave this afternoon for Norman, where he goes as a delegate to the meeting of the Oklahoma vice-presidents of the foreign missions board of the Baptist church. The headquarters of this board are located in Richmond, Va. Every association, Mr. Halley says, in Oklahoma, will be represented at this meeting which will remain in session two days.

New Year's Resolution.

Chief of Police Phillips states that New Year's resolutions seem a little previous this season and alleges as his reason for this thinking is that there was a dearth of business about the police court this morning. Usually, it appears, the Christmas jags hang on until New Year's day, at which time the old resolution is taken out of the trunk, the camphor balls shaken out of it and the garment carefully brushed and donned for a couple of weeks.

Exodus of Lawyers.

The Oklahoma State Bar association will meet in Oklahoma City tomorrow and this spells an exodus of Chickasha lawyers to the state capital. Among the lawyers who have expressed their intention of attending the meeting from Chickasha are Judge Will Linn, Judge F. M. Bailey, Bert Barefoot, J. A. Carmichael, F. E. Riddle, Reford Bond, Alger Melton, Judge E. F. Baker, Judge J. H. Venable, Oscar Simpson, A. K. Swan and others.

Walked On Ahead.

"Say, young man! When that train gets here will you tell the conductor I've walked on ahead?" asked a wrathful would be passenger of the Rock Island ticket agent yesterday after having waited three hours for his train for Rush Springs. And then the would-be passenger stalked out of the waiting room and walked up and down on the platform outside, while giving the biting north wind an opportunity to cool his ire against the world in general and railway companies in particular.

Some Wind in Fort Worth.

Marmaduke Corbin, who returned from a visit to Fort Worth on the early morning train brought to Chickasha the report that when he entered at the Texas city the wind was blowing from the north at the rate of nineteen million miles per hour. Mature deliberation on the part of the gentleman, however, a few minutes after making this statement, led him to voluntarily subtract from the original statement of nineteen million all the mileage except about seventy-five or eighty. He refused to deduct an other mile.

Knight Templars Install.

The regular annual installation of officers, held each St. John's day, December 27, was the occasion of a meeting of DeMolay Commandery No. 7 K. T., in the masonic hall last evening. The following Sir Knights were installed to serve as officers for the ensuing year: Sir Knight Charles R. Kimbro, E. C.; C. M. Davis, guard; C. L. Widney, C. G.; Jesse Lillard, S. W.; W. C. Matthews, J. W.; Ostley Anderson, treasurer; A. C. McKenzie, recorder; G. W. Austin, standard

bearer; Elmer Terrel, sword bearer; M. Brittain, warden; William Frazier, sentinel.

Visiting Old Charge.

Rev. S. V. Falt, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Anadarko, is in Chickasha visiting old friends and acquaintances. Mr. Falt was pastor in charge of the Presbyterian church here during the years 1892-94-95-96.

Judge Woods Here.

Judge William H. Woods of Purcell is in Chickasha today on official business. Judge Woods is Indian probate attorney for this district, appointed by Cato Sells for the purpose of looking after the interests of Indian wards.

Dotson to Meet Greek.

Fans in Chickasha's sporting world are manifesting great interest in the wrestling match to be pulled off at the Kory theater, Saturday, January 1 at 3:30 o'clock, between Oscar Dotson, the "wrestling blacksmith," and John Kilonis, the "Greek demon." Kilonis has agreed to throw Dotson two clean falls in sixty minutes or forfeit \$500.

Resigns P. O. Position.

Miss Irma Rose has resigned her position as clerk in the Chickasha postoffice, the resignation immediately effective. Miss Rose has been connected with the postoffice department in Chickasha for the past twelve years and will be sadly missed from her accustomed post by those with whom she has been associated during that time.

"What Do You Think of That?"

"Now, what do you think of that?" queried one pedestrian of another at the crossing of Fourth and Chickasha this morning, just as an auto, with a "honk, honk," had flitted with the help of his garments as it passed him in the middle of the street crossing, traveling at the rate of about "seven miles per hour. What the party of whom the question was asked thought would not appear well in print. You see, he also had just escaped the wheels of the buzz wagon by doing a nimble side step combined with a backward spring which almost amounted to a flip flop. Neither of the pedestrians was "jaywalking."

Just One Hundred Bones.

The revenue department of the police court, under the management of Mayor Coffman, came back to its normal standpoint when that body went into executive session yesterday. Four male citizens of Chickasha, who had gained the reputation of distributing the peace on Christmas day were released on bonds for their appearance in court this morning. The bonds were in cash and totaled \$40. Non-appearance of the defendants in court led to forfeiture of bonds. A negro couple who had tried to alter the maps, each of the other, came in for a Christmas present which cost them five dollars a piece and two wayward citizens coughed up twenty-five hard-earned dollars for the privilege of carrying guns concealed about their persons. Involving revealed \$100 even money, court adjourned.

MARKETS

Chickasha Grain Today.

No. 2 milling wheat, \$1.03.
No. 2 export wheat, 98c.
Corn, ear (mixed), 55c.
Corn, white ear, 56c.
Corn, shelled (mixed), 56c.
Corn, white, shelled, 57c.

Chickasha Cotton Today.

Cotton, 11 1/2c.
Cottonseed, \$32 per ton.

Chicago Grain Today.

WHEAT.

December—Close, \$1.23 1/2.
May—Open, \$1.26 to \$1.26 1/2; close, \$1.24 1/2.

CORN.

December—Open, 74c to 75c; close, 75 1/2c.
May—Open, 77 1/2c to 77 3/4c; close, 75 1/2c.

OATS.

December—Open, 43 1/2c to 43 3/4c; close, 42 1/2c.
May—Open, 47 1/2c to 47 3/4c; close, 47c.

New Orleans Cotton.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—A rise of \$1 a bale in the local cotton market today followed the quick acceptance of January tenders which were estimated at 17,000 bales.

January in the first half of the session was the most active month and from the lowest levels to the highest rose 24 points, or at most, \$2 a bale.

On the opening of the near months were depressed, but the eagerness with which January contracts were bought gave the later months a steady feeling. On the call January lost 14 points and March lost 1; other months made no losses.

Spot cotton steady, 6 points up; sales on the spot, 1,745 bales; to arrive, 355 bales. Good ordinary, 9.99c; strict good ordinary, 10.55c; low middling, 11.06c; strict low middling, 11.38c; middling, 11.75c; strict middling, 12.00c; good middling, 12.32c; strict good middling, 12.56c. Receipts, 1,822 bales; stock, 494,204 bales.

Fort Worth Livestock.

FORT WORTH, Dec. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,100; steady. Bees, \$6.00 to \$7.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 100; 15c to 25c higher. Bulk, \$5.50 to \$6.00.

Sheep—Receipts, none; steady.

Lambs, \$7.50 to \$8.75.

COURT HOUSE WEDDING.

Late yesterday afternoon, rounding out a full fifty marriage licenses issued thus far in December by his action, R. Gilbreath, aged 22, secured a license to wed Miss Lillie Mitchell, aged 17. Both parties are from Rush Springs. After securing the license Judge T. P. Moore was called in and in his most impressive manner spoke the words of the marriage ceremony.

Six Little Ones See First Picture Show

The children of those possessed of all needed of this world's goods little know how many pleasures of even the less expensive kinds are denied the children of those from whom the sunny side of life's everyday existence is turned.

The little men and the little women who are the pets and the joys of their fathers and mothers, know little and realize less of the aching hearts of those unfortunates who can see the simplest pleasures of life enjoyed by others, pleasures which they cannot enjoy themselves and of which they scarcely know even by name.

As a sample of this—and as an illustration of the homely, but true expression that "one-half the world knows not how the other half lives," the following little instance seems well in point.

At the Christmas tree given the poor children of the city on Christmas eve by the "Good Fellows" of Chickasha, there were distributed, through the courtesies of Messrs. J. L. Olive, manager of the Sugg theater and W. C. Blackstone, manager of the Kory theater, tickets in sufficient numbers to admit every little child of poor parents into each of these shows, free of charge, to one performance.

In distributing these tickets to the children assembled at the Christmas tree, one of the "Good Fellows" approached a lady who sat in the hall surrounded by her six children and asked her if her little fellows enjoyed "going to the show."

Now, you children of parents whose circumstances are comfortable, what do you suppose the mother answered? What do you suppose this good woman, this woman who loves her children, her little boys and her little girls, just as deeply and just as tenderly as your mothers love you, what answer do you suppose she made the "Good Fellow?"

"I don't know, sir," said she. "None of them have ever been to one."

And the "Good Fellow," with a suspicious moisture in his eyes, tore off twelve, two for each of this woman's six little children, so that each of them could see the wonders enacted upon the stage of the mimic world—could see for one evening the wonders which you may see at any time you so desire.

And Santa Claus, driving out of sight across the swell of the rolling Grady county prairie, spotted just a little leader in a heartiness just a trifle more cheery as Dunder and Blitzen and Dancer, and Prancer and Vixen and the others of his mythical reindeer shook their heads and made the magic bells of Christmas joy ring just a little louder over the hitherto unknown joyful wonder which these six little ones were to see on Christmas day.

Nearly two hundred children received gifts at the "Good Fellows" tree, with Col. Tom Dwyer officiating as Santa Claus. Each child was given candy, popcorn, a toy and some article of wearing apparel.

HOLIDAY RUSH TO MATRIMONY

Here they are. The names of the latest callers for marriage licenses in the name of Santa Claus, just before the reindeer were outspanned for an other twelve-month.

Fletcher Holding, aged 23 of Wallace, Stephens county, to Miss Maggie Florence, aged 20, of Purcell, Cleveland county; Virgil Miller, aged 19, to Miss Ira Brakely, aged 17, both of Bradley, and both with written consent of parents; Roy Downey, aged 21, to Miss Pearl Bosserronco, aged 19, both of Chickasha; Aaron W. Archer, aged 22, to Miss Florence Craddock, aged 19, both of Verdun, married by Judge Davenport; B. H. Clay, aged 20, to Miss Rona Whybark, aged 17, both of Grady county and both with written consent of parents; Harold G. Case, aged 21, to Miss Mabel Lindsey, aged 23, both of Minco; John S. Gibbs, aged 23, to Miss Josie Ravensood, aged 18, both of Alex; W. S. Walford, aged 21, to Miss Annie Barnhill, aged 16, both of Bailey, married by Judge Davenport; David F. Anderhub, aged 22, to Miss Grace Scruggs, both of Minco; Ben Metcalf, aged 22, to Miss Verna Knies,

aged 21, both of Chickasha; E. F. Palmer, aged 23 of Verdun, to Miss Effie Jarvis, aged 19 of Anadarko; C. D. Hadley, aged 27, to Miss Alice Kashing, aged 21, both of Chickasha.

In addition to the above Judge Davenport issued licenses to and married the following in his office as the merry Christmas bells were ringing. Clarence Whitener, aged 21, to Miss Madeline Wilkerson, aged 20, both of Ninkah; A. A. Looney, aged 20 of Foyada, Texas, to Miss S. O. Whitener, aged 18 of Ninkah; Misses Maude and Joy Whitener, sisters of the brides, were witnesses; W. S. Walford, aged 21, to Miss Annie Barnhill, aged 16, both of Bailey, the bride marrying with consent of parents.

COLDS NEED ATTENTION.

Internal throat and chest troubles produce inflammation, irritation, swelling of soreness and unless checked at once, are likely to lead to serious trouble. Caught in time Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey loosens the phlegm and destroys the germs which have settled in the throat or nose. It is soothing and healing. Pine is antiseptic; honey is soothing—both together possess excellent medicinal qualities for fighting cold germs. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. 25c all druggists. d&w.

Keep Ball in Middle of Field

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ing campaigns; second, the French hope that the English will take the hint and agree to a full and complete co-ordination of all available forces. Competent authorities agree that German successes have been the result of a central control of effectives, permitting rapid decisions quickly put into effect, whereas the allies have not acted properly in concert and when at last, after long delays they did get together, the measures agreed upon were slowly put into operation. The interally war council, composed of men who have the power to act, as it is said, Joffre will have from now on, ought to show results during the coming year.

Summed up, France's last year has been largely one of preparation. She hopes the coming year will be one of execution. People here call the new cabinet the cabinet of victory just as they call the new French loan of about 20 billion francs, the loan of victory.

The Frenchman hopes for peace during 1916. He considers the American peace talk the greatest puzzle of the year because peace now could mean but one thing: Defeat for the allies.

The elevation of Joffre to his new position is an official commendation of his war policy, summed up by the experts as wearing the enemy down by "attrition," which Joffre calls "milling." Naturally this policy will be in force so long as Joffre is in the saddle. France made three heavy drives at the Germans during 1915, in March, May and September, but these drives were all feelers, I am told, to test the strength of the German line. The French soldier will tell you that French man-power will outlast German man-power, thanks to Joffre's nibbling; that sooner or later the German wall of steel will prove to be imitation; and, following a feeler, the

real drive will pour through the hole thus made and end the row.

A Berlin interview quotes General von Kluck as forecasting a drive towards Paris next spring. A French general told me that he hoped von Kluck was right as in that case the slaughter of Germans would be on such a vast scale that the whole world would gasp, used as it is to baths in blood. Those who have inspected the some 50-mile width of American barbed wire between Paris and the front, while not doubting that another attempt is possible, or even probable, fall to see how it can succeed.

Here then, is the forecast for 1916: Comparative quiet along the western front until spring; then general offensives, both French and German; operations probable throughout the summer with a decision of some sort in the fall.

This is a guess, but it is as good as any, whether from a general or a private. Of only one thing can one be certain: All the expert dope is wrong.

Talk With Comitadj in Balkans

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thing." "Where were you when the war broke out?" I asked. "Pittsburgh," said he, "I lived there for 15 years with my wife. Both of us used to write for the Slav papers. My name is Charles Proskewitz. We lived at 604 Chestnut street. The Slavs over there think your Declaration of Independence is the most wonderful thing in the world.

"This is my wife," he said snappily, opening a card case and showing me a photograph of a pretty, dark-eyed woman. There were withered flowers across the face of it.

"You left her in Pittsburgh?" "Yes, a year ago, in the Slav cemetery there. Then I came over here and joined the comitadjis."



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